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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EC NINE RESISTANCE TO US CSCE PLANS

AT NEXT WEEK'S NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING, THE EC NINE MAY SHOW SOME RESISTANCE TO PLANS FOR ACCELERATING THE PACE OF CSCE DELIBERATIONS. THIS IS EVIDENT FROM A BRITISH ACCOUNT OF THIS WEEK'S MEETING OF THE NINE'S POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN PARIS. ACCORDING TO THE HEAD OF THE NATO DEPARTMENT AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE:

--THE MOSCOW SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE REFERENCES TO THE CSCE HAD A "SLIGHTLY DISPIRITING EFFECT" ON THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS.

--THE NINE FIRMLY HOLD THAT THE IMPRESSION OF A BLOC-TO-BLOC APPROACH ON THE SECURITY CONFERENCE MUST BE AVOIDED AND THAT THE CURRENT REVIEW OF WESTERN POSITIONS SHOULD BEGIN IN GENEVA AND NOT

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AT NATO IN BRUSSELS. THE FRENCH WERE PARTICULARLY INSISTENT ON THIS.

--FINALLY, ACCORDING TO THE UK OFFICIAL, THERE WAS A "STRONG TENDENCY," BUT NOT A CONSENSUS, THAT THE DECISION ON HOLDING THE CSCE'S FINAL STAGE AT THE SUMMIT SHOULD DEPEND ON THE GENERAL STATE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS AT THE END OF STAGE TWO AND NOT JUST RESULT FROM A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME FOR THE WEST OF STAGE TWO ITSELF. THE OFFICIAL SAID IT IS THE BRITISH VIEW THAT THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENT OF ESSENTIAL WESTERN DESIDERATA SHOULD BE A "FIRST STEP" IN THE WESTERN REVIEW PROCESS. THE UK REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE THIS LINE AT THE NAC NEXT WEEK.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THIS ATTITUDE ON THE FINAL STAGE DID NOT COINCIDE WITH THE US VIEW, THE BRITISH OFFICIAL CLAIMED THAT THE NINE'S WILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG WITH A PROMPT REVIEW OF WESTERN POSITIONS WAS ALREADY A CONCESSION TO A MAJOR US POINT.

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